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SUBJECT: KARUNANIDHI AND OTHER DMK LEADERS CONTINUE TO  
SPEAK OUT ON THE EMERGENCY

1. CHIEF MINISTER KARUNANIDHI HAS BEEN TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF  
MADRAS THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND HAS MADE SEVERAL SPEECHES  
EXPLAINING THE DMK STAND ON THE EMERGENCY. HE HAS CONTINUED  
TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE DMK IS NOT HOSTILE TO MRS. GANDHI BUT  
THAT IT STANDS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY AND IS OPPOSED  
TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DICTATORSHIP IN INDIA. IN ALL OF HIS  
SPEECHES HE APPEARS TO HAVE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT  
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THE DMK GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE DISMISSED FOR ITS STAND AND ITS

LEADERS IMPRISONED, BUT THAT THE PARTY WOULD CONTINUE TO PROMULGATE ITS IDEALS AND WOULD EMERGE STRONGER FROM ANY ORDEAL IT HAD TO UNDERGO. IN ONE SPEECH, HE NOTED THAT MRS. GANDHI'S SECRET POLICE HAD BEEN REPORTING ON HIS SPEECHES TO HER, AND HE SAID HE HOPED THEY WERE ALSO REPORTING TO HER THE REACTION OF THE PEOPLE WHO LISTENED TO THE SPEECHES.

2. HEALTH MINISTER ANBAZHAGAN AND DMK MP MURASOLI MARAN (EDITOR OF DMK ORGAN "MURASOLI" AND KARUNANIDHI'S SON-IN-LAW) HAVE ALSO BEEN MAKING SPEECHES WHICH HAVE CONTAINED MORE DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE PRIME MINISTER THAN KARUNANIDHI'S. ANBAZHAGAN STRONGLY DEPLORED THE EMERGENCY AND SAID MRS. GANDHI HAD GIVEN NO SATISFACTORY JUSTIFICATION FOR IT, AND MARAN SAID THERE WAS NO THREAT TO INDIA, ONLY TO INDIRA. MARAN ALSO SAID "IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE BANNING OF THE DMK IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED NOW."

3. HOWEVER, TAKING CARE NOT TO GIVE MRS. GANDHI ANY EASY RATIONALE FOR REMOVING THEM, THE DMK GOVERNMENT CONTINUED ITS ACTION OVER THE WEEKEND AGAINST THE DMK EXTREMISTS WHO HAD SCHEDULED A PUBLIC MEETING TO ADVOCATE "THE SEPARATION OF AN INDEPENDENT TAMIL NADU" (MADRAS 938). DESPITE THE ARREST OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE GROUP JULY 11 (MADRAS 944), OTHERS TRIED TO HOLD THE MEETING ON THE MARINA LAST NIGHT AS SCHEDULED. BUT THE POLICE FOILED THEIR ATTEMPT BY ARRESTING EIGHT MORE MEMBERS ON THE SPOT AND DISPERSING THE SMALL CROWD WHICH HAD GATHERED. EAVES UNQUOTE. SAXBE

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